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L. (a) PLAINTIFFS Tierre Kirkland, et al			DEFENDANTS Wheels LT, et al			
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#### **DESIGNATION FORM**

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Tierre Kirkland et al. 1725 F Mayland St. Philadelphia PA 19138

Address of Plaintiff: I lerre Ki	irkland, et al - 1725 E Mayland St.,	Philadelphia, PA 19138			
Address of Defendant: Whe	els LT, et al - 666 Garland Place, D	Des Plaines, IL 60016			
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction:	Route 309, Che	Route 309, Cheltenham PA.			
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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### **COMPLAINT**

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland, is a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing at the address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
- 2. Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W, is a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing at the address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
- 3. Defendant, Wheels LT is a corporate entity authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a business address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
- 4. Defendant, Wheels, LLC is a corporate entity authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a business address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
- 5. Defendant, Lincare Inc.is a corporate entity authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a business address listed in the caption of this Complaint.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this Civil Action-Complaint in that the Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland, is a citizen of Pennsylvania, and Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W, is a citizen of Pennsylvania, and the Defendant, and the Defendant, Wheels LT, upon information and belief is a corporate entity with its principal place of business in Illinois, and the Defendant, Wheels, LLC, upon information and belief is a corporate entity with its principal place of business in Illinois, and the Defendant, Lincare Inc., upon information and belief is a corporate entity with its principal place of business in Florida and the amount in controversy in this case, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the sum of \$75,000.

7. Venue is proper in this jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) (1) and (2) in that this is a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted in this Complaint occurred in this judicial district.

#### **FACTS**

- 8. On or about December 15, 2022, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland, was the operator of a motor vehicle, of which Plaintiff Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W was passenger, which was traveling at or near Route 309, Cheltenham PA.
- 9. At or about the same date and time Defendants were the owners of truck which was traveling at or around the aforementioned location of the Plaintiff's vehicle.
- 10. At or about the same date and time, Defendants' vehicle was involved in a collision with Plaintiff's vehicle.
- 11. At or about the same date and time, the driver was the operator of a truck which was owned, rented, leased, and/or otherwise under the control of and entrusted to him/her by Defendants (the "Subject Truck").
- 12. Upon information and belief, the Subject Truck bore the logo and business name of Defendants and was being used for the business purpose(s) of Defendants.
- 13. At or about the same date and time, the driver was driving the Subject Truck near vehicle when he/she suddenly, and without warning, crashed into the rear-end of Plaintiff's vehicle.
- 14. At all times relevant hereto, including the time of the subject motor vehicle collision, the driver was an agent, employee, and/or servant of Defendants, and was operating the Subject Truck in the course and scope of his/her agency and/or employment with Defendants.

- 15. Upon information and belief, in proceeding to crash into the rear-end of Plaintiff's vehicle, the driver failed to maintain an assured clear distance from vehicles ahead, failed to pay adequate attention to his/her surroundings ahead, failed to ensure traffic ahead was clear, was in a hurry, and/or was simply fatigued and/or distracted.
- 16. The collective and individual acts, omissions, and failures detailed above and further below on the part of Defendants, were careless and negligent.
- 17. The subject motor vehicle collision was proximately caused by the carelessness, and/or negligence of Defendants, and not the result of any action or failure to act by Plaintiff.
- 18. As a direct and proximate result of the joint and/or several and/or direct or vicarious negligence and/or carelessness of Defendants, Plaintiff has sustained serious permanent personal injuries and damages, including to the back.

#### **COUNT I**

## Tierre Kirkland v. Wheels LT Negligent Hiring, Retention, Training, Supervision, and Entrustment

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.
- 20. The carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant Wheels LT, which was the proximate cause of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision and the resultant injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff, included the following actions/inactions:
  - a. Hiring, retaining, and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck without first properly and adequately qualifying him/her consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations;
  - b. Hiring, retaining, and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck without first conducting a proper and adequate background check to ascertain whether or not he/she was competent and fit to properly and safely operate a commercial truck;
  - c. Failing to provide proper, adequate, ongoing and/or remedial training to the driver consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations, including safe and

- defensive driving training in general and specific to paying proper attention to his/her surroundings and avoiding in-vehicle distractions;
- d. Failing to take proper and adequate measures to prevent the driver from endangering the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff, by: failing to pay proper attention to his/her surroundings while driving; driving while distracted and/or fatigued; and/or rushing and/or hurrying;
- e. Retaining and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck when Defendant Wheels LT, knew or, in the exercise of due care and diligence, should have known by and through his prior unsafe and/or substandard driving conduct during his/her tenure as agent/employee of Defendant Wheels LT, that the driver was incompetent and/or unfit to drive a commercial truck, capable of committing and likely to commit actions and inactions like those set forth above that would harm the motoring public;
- f. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she would adhere to proper safe and defensive driving practices custom to the industry and/or required by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, and/or applicable regulations;
- g. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor, and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she could manage collision-free encounters with the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff;
- h. Unreasonably setting and assigning the driver a route that was too tight/aggressive for him/her to perform without hurrying and/or rushing to complete said route;
- i. Allowing and/or directing the driver to operate the Subject Truck while he/she was fatigued; and
- j. Failing to warn the motoring public, including Plaintiff, that the driver knew or in the existence of due care and diligence should have known, that plaintiff would be exposed to the driver's negligent, and/or careless operation of the commercial truck.
- 21. As a direct and proximate result of the negligent, and/or careless conduct of Defendant, Wheels LT,, described above, Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions and others ills and injuries including back, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
  - 22. As a direct and proximate result of these injuries, all of which are permanent in

nature and all of which are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss, Plaintiff has in the past suffered and is presently suffering great anguish, sickness and agony, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.

- 23. As an additional result of the carelessness, and/or negligence of Defendant, Wheels LT,, along with the physical injuries suffered, Plaintiff suffered and is presently suffering emotional injuries, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.
- 24. As a direct result of the carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant, Wheels LT,, Plaintiff suffered damage to his/her personal property, including the motor vehicle he/she was operating at the time of the subject crash, and related expenses including but not limited to storage fees and towing, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- 25. As a further result of Plaintiff's injuries, he/she has in the past suffered, is presently suffering, and may in the future suffer a great loss of earnings and/or earning capacity, all to Plaintiff's further loss and detriment.
- 26. Finally, in addition to all the injuries and losses suffered by Plaintiff, Plaintiff has incurred or will incur medical, rehabilitative and other related expenses in an amount equal to or in excess of the basic personal injury protection benefits required by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa. C.S. Section 1701 *et. seq.*, as amended, for which he makes a claim for payment in the present action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland, prays for judgment in his/her favor and against Defendant, Wheels LT,, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars, , plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

#### COUNT II

#### Tierre Kirkland v. Wheels LT Respondeat Superior

- 27. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 28. The negligence, carelessness, and/or malicious conduct on the part of the driver, detailed in Count I, above, occurred while the driver was acting at all relevant times within the course and scope of his/her agency and/or employment with Wheels LT, and was the direct and proximate cause of the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.
- 29. As such, Defendant Wheels LT is vicariously liable under the doctrine of respondent superior result for the negligence and/or careless conduct of the driver in causing the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland, prays for judgment in his/her favor and against Defendant, Wheels LT, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars, , plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

#### **COUNT III**

### Tierre Kirkland v. Wheels, LLC Negligent Hiring, Retention, Training, Supervision, and Entrustment

- 30. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.
- 31. The carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant Wheels, LLC, which was the proximate cause of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision and the resultant injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff, included the following actions/inactions:

- a. Hiring, retaining, and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck without first properly and adequately qualifying him/her consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations;
- b. Hiring, retaining, and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck without first conducting a proper and adequate background check to ascertain whether or not he/she was competent and fit to properly and safely operate a commercial truck;
- c. Failing to provide proper, adequate, ongoing and/or remedial training to the driver consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations, including safe and defensive driving training in general and specific to paying proper attention to his/her surroundings and avoiding in-vehicle distractions;
- d. Failing to take proper and adequate measures to prevent the driver from endangering the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff, by: failing to pay proper attention to his/her surroundings while driving; driving while distracted and/or fatigued; and/or rushing and/or hurrying;
- e. Retaining and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck when Defendant Wheels LT, knew or, in the exercise of due care and diligence, should have known by and through his prior unsafe and/or substandard driving conduct during his/her tenure as agent/employee of Defendant Wheels LT, that the driver was incompetent and/or unfit to drive a commercial truck, capable of committing and likely to commit actions and inactions like those set forth above that would harm the motoring public;
- f. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she would adhere to proper safe and defensive driving practices custom to the industry and/or required by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, and/or applicable regulations;
- g. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor, and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she could manage collision-free encounters with the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff;
- h. Unreasonably setting and assigning the driver a route that was too tight/aggressive for him/her to perform without hurrying and/or rushing to complete said route;
- i. Allowing and/or directing the driver to operate the Subject Truck while he/she was fatigued; and
- j. Failing to warn the motoring public, including Plaintiff, that the driver knew or in the existence of due care and diligence should have known, that plaintiff would be exposed to the driver's negligent, and/or careless operation of the commercial truck.

- 32. As a direct and proximate result of the negligent, and/or careless conduct of Defendant, Wheels, LLC, described above, Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions and others ills and injuries including back, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- 33. As a direct and proximate result of these injuries, all of which are permanent in nature and all of which are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss, Plaintiff has in the past suffered and is presently suffering great anguish, sickness and agony, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.
- 34. As an additional result of the carelessness, and/or negligence of Defendant, Wheels, LLC, along with the physical injuries suffered, Plaintiff suffered and is presently suffering emotional injuries, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.
- 35. As a direct result of the carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant, Wheels, LLC, Plaintiff suffered damage to his/her personal property, including the motor vehicle he/she was operating at the time of the subject crash, and related expenses including but not limited to storage fees and towing, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- 36. As a further result of Plaintiff's injuries, he/she has in the past suffered, is presently suffering, and may in the future suffer a great loss of earnings and/or earning capacity, all to Plaintiff's further loss and detriment.
- 37. Finally, in addition to all the injuries and losses suffered by Plaintiff, Plaintiff has incurred or will incur medical, rehabilitative and other related expenses in an amount equal to or

in excess of the basic personal injury protection benefits required by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa. C.S. Section 1701 *et. seq.*, as amended, for which he makes a claim for payment in the present action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland, prays for judgment in his/her favor and against Defendant, Wheels, LLC, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

# COUNT IV Tierre Kirkland v. Wheels, LLC Respondeat Superior

- 38. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 39. The negligence, carelessness, and/or malicious conduct on the part of the driver, detailed in Count I, above, occurred while the driver was acting at all relevant times within the course and scope of his/her agency and/or employment with Wheels, LLC, and was the direct and proximate cause of the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.
- 40. As such, Defendant Wheels, LLC is vicariously liable under the doctrine of respondent superior result for the negligence and/or careless conduct of the driver in causing the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland, prays for judgment in his/her favor and against Defendant, Wheels, LLC, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

#### **COUNT V**

### Tierre Kirkland v. Lincare Inc Negligent Hiring, Retention, Training, Supervision, and Entrustment

- 41. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.
- 42. The carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant Lincare Inc, which was the proximate cause of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision and the resultant injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff, included the following actions/inactions:
  - a. Hiring, retaining, and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck without first properly and adequately qualifying him/her consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations;
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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland, prays for judgment in his/her favor and against Defendant, Lincare Inc, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars, , plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

#### <u>COUNT VI</u> Tierre Kirkland v. Lincare Inc Respondeat Superior

- 49. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 50. The negligence, carelessness, and/or malicious conduct on the part of the driver, detailed in Count I, above, occurred while the driver was acting at all relevant times within the course and scope of his/her agency and/or employment with Lincare Inc, and was the direct and proximate cause of the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.
- 51. As such, Defendant Lincare Inc is vicariously liable under the doctrine of respondent superior result for the negligence and/or careless conduct of the driver in causing the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages

sustained by Plaintiff.

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#### **COUNT VII**

### Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W. v. Wheels LT Negligent Hiring, Retention, Training, Supervision, and Entrustment

- 52. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.
- 53. The carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant Wheels LT, which was the proximate cause of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision and the resultant injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff, included the following actions/inactions:
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  - c. Failing to provide proper, adequate, ongoing and/or remedial training to the driver consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations, including safe and defensive driving training in general and specific to paying proper attention to his/her surroundings and avoiding in-vehicle distractions;
  - d. Failing to take proper and adequate measures to prevent the driver from endangering the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff, by: failing to pay proper attention to his/her surroundings while driving; driving while distracted and/or fatigued; and/or rushing and/or hurrying;
  - e. Retaining and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck when Defendant Wheels LT knew or, in the exercise of due care and diligence, should have known by and through his prior unsafe and/or substandard driving conduct during his/her tenure as agent/employee of Defendant Wheels LT that the driver was incompetent and/or unfit to drive a commercial truck, capable of committing and likely to commit actions

and inactions like those set forth above that would harm the motoring public;

- f. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she would adhere to proper safe and defensive driving practices custom to the industry and/or required by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, and/or applicable regulations;
- g. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor, and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she could manage collision-free encounters with the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff;
- h. Unreasonably setting and assigning the driver a route that was too tight/aggressive for him/her to perform without hurrying and/or rushing to complete said route;
- i. Allowing and/or directing the driver to operate the Subject Truck while he/she was fatigued; and
- j. Failing to warn the motoring public, including Plaintiff, that the driver knew or in the existence of due care and diligence should have known, that plaintiff would be exposed to the driver's negligent, and/or careless operation of the commercial truck.
- 54. As a direct and proximate result of the negligent, and/or careless conduct of Defendant, Wheels LT, described above, Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions and others ills and injuries including back, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- 55. As a direct and proximate result of these injuries, all of which are permanent in nature and all of which are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss, Plaintiff has in the past suffered and is presently suffering great anguish, sickness and agony, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.
- 56. As an additional result of the carelessness, and/or negligence of Defendant, Wheels LT, along with the physical injuries suffered, Plaintiff suffered and is presently suffering emotional injuries, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.

57. As a direct result of the carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant, Wheels LT, Plaintiff suffered damage to his/her personal property, including the motor vehicle he/she was operating at the time of the subject crash, and related expenses including but not limited to storage fees and towing, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.

58. As a further result of Plaintiff's injuries, he/she has in the past suffered, is presently suffering, and may in the future suffer a great loss of earnings and/or earning capacity, all to Plaintiff's further loss and detriment.

59. Finally, in addition to all the injuries and losses suffered by Plaintiff, Plaintiff has incurred or will incur medical, rehabilitative and other related expenses in an amount equal to or in excess of the basic personal injury protection benefits required by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa. C.S. Section 1701 *et. seq.*, as amended, for which he makes a claim for payment in the present action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W., prays for judgment in his/her favor and against Defendant, Wheels LT, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars, , plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

# COUNT VIII Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W. v. Wheels LT Respondent Superior

- 60. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 61. The negligence, carelessness, and/or malicious conduct on the part of the driver, detailed in Count I, above, occurred while the driver was acting at all relevant times within the course and scope of his/her agency and/or employment with Wheels LT, and was the direct and proximate cause of the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting

injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.

62. As such, Defendant Wheels LT is vicariously liable under the doctrine of respondent superior result for the negligence and/or careless conduct of the driver in causing the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W., prays for judgment in his/her favor and against Defendant, Wheels LT, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars, , plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

# COUNT IX Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W. v. Wheels, LLC Negligent Hiring, Retention, Training, Supervision, and Entrustment

- 63. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.
- 64. The carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant Wheels, LLC, which was the proximate cause of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision and the resultant injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff, included the following actions/inactions:
  - a. Hiring, retaining, and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck without first properly and adequately qualifying him/her consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations;
  - b. Hiring, retaining, and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck without first conducting a proper and adequate background check to ascertain whether or not he/she was competent and fit to properly and safely operate a commercial truck;
  - c. Failing to provide proper, adequate, ongoing and/or remedial training to the driver consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations, including safe and defensive driving training in general and specific to paying proper attention to his/her surroundings and avoiding in-vehicle distractions;
  - d. Failing to take proper and adequate measures to prevent the driver from endangering the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff, by: failing to pay proper attention to his/her surroundings while driving; driving while distracted and/or fatigued; and/or

rushing and/or hurrying;

- e. Retaining and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck when Defendant Wheels, LLC knew or, in the exercise of due care and diligence, should have known by and through his prior unsafe and/or substandard driving conduct during his/her tenure as agent/employee of Defendant Wheels, LLC that the driver was incompetent and/or unfit to drive a commercial truck, capable of committing and likely to commit actions and inactions like those set forth above that would harm the motoring public;
- f. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she would adhere to proper safe and defensive driving practices custom to the industry and/or required by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, and/or applicable regulations;
- g. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor, and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she could manage collision-free encounters with the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff;
- h. Unreasonably setting and assigning the driver a route that was too tight/aggressive for him/her to perform without hurrying and/or rushing to complete said route;
- i. Allowing and/or directing the driver to operate the Subject Truck while he/she was fatigued; and
- j. Failing to warn the motoring public, including Plaintiff, that the driver knew or in the existence of due care and diligence should have known, that plaintiff would be exposed to the driver's negligent, and/or careless operation of the commercial truck.
- 65. As a direct and proximate result of the negligent, and/or careless conduct of Defendant, Wheels, LLC, described above, Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions and others ills and injuries including back, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- 66. As a direct and proximate result of these injuries, all of which are permanent in nature and all of which are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss, Plaintiff has in the past suffered and is presently suffering great anguish, sickness and agony, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.

67. As an additional result of the carelessness, and/or negligence of Defendant,

Wheels, LLC, along with the physical injuries suffered, Plaintiff suffered and is presently

suffering emotional injuries, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.

68. As a direct result of the carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant, Wheels,

LLC, Plaintiff suffered damage to his/her personal property, including the motor vehicle he/she

was operating at the time of the subject crash, and related expenses including but not limited to

storage fees and towing, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.

As a further result of Plaintiff's injuries, he/she has in the past suffered, is 69.

presently suffering, and may in the future suffer a great loss of earnings and/or earning capacity,

all to Plaintiff's further loss and detriment.

70. Finally, in addition to all the injuries and losses suffered by Plaintiff, Plaintiff has

incurred or will incur medical, rehabilitative and other related expenses in an amount equal to or

in excess of the basic personal injury protection benefits required by the Pennsylvania Motor

Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa. C.S. Section 1701 et. seq., as amended, for which

he makes a claim for payment in the present action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W., prays for judgment in his/her

favor and against Defendant, Wheels, LLC, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five

(\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

**COUNT X** 

Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W. v. Wheels, LLC **Respondeat Superior** 

71. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set

forth at length herein.

- 72. The negligence, carelessness, and/or malicious conduct on the part of the driver, detailed in Count I, above, occurred while the driver was acting at all relevant times within the course and scope of his/her agency and/or employment with Wheels, LLC, and was the direct and proximate cause of the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.
- 73. As such, Defendant Wheels, LLC is vicariously liable under the doctrine of respondent superior result for the negligence and/or careless conduct of the driver in causing the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W., prays for judgment in his/her favor and against Defendant, Wheels, LLC, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

#### **COUNT XI**

#### Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W. v. Lincare Inc., Negligent Hiring, Retention, Training, Supervision, and Entrustment

- 74. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.
- 75. The carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant Lincare Inc., which was the proximate cause of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision and the resultant injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff, included the following actions/inactions:
  - a. Hiring, retaining, and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck without first properly and adequately qualifying him/her consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations;
  - b. Hiring, retaining, and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck without first conducting a proper and adequate background check to ascertain whether or not he/she was competent and fit to properly and safely operate a commercial truck;

- c. Failing to provide proper, adequate, ongoing and/or remedial training to the driver consistent with industry custom and applicable regulations, including safe and defensive driving training in general and specific to paying proper attention to his/her surroundings and avoiding in-vehicle distractions;
- d. Failing to take proper and adequate measures to prevent the driver from endangering the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff, by: failing to pay proper attention to his/her surroundings while driving; driving while distracted and/or fatigued; and/or rushing and/or hurrying;
- e. Retaining and permitting the driver to operate the Subject Truck when Defendant Lincare Inc., knew or, in the exercise of due care and diligence, should have known by and through his prior unsafe and/or substandard driving conduct during his/her tenure as agent/employee of Defendant Lincare Inc., that the driver was incompetent and/or unfit to drive a commercial truck, capable of committing and likely to commit actions and inactions like those set forth above that would harm the motoring public;
- f. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she would adhere to proper safe and defensive driving practices custom to the industry and/or required by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, and/or applicable regulations;
- g. Failing to properly and adequately train, monitor, and/or supervise the driver to ensure he/she could manage collision-free encounters with the motoring public, specifically including Plaintiff;
- h. Unreasonably setting and assigning the driver a route that was too tight/aggressive for him/her to perform without hurrying and/or rushing to complete said route;
- i. Allowing and/or directing the driver to operate the Subject Truck while he/she was fatigued; and
- j. Failing to warn the motoring public, including Plaintiff, that the driver knew or in the existence of due care and diligence should have known, that plaintiff would be exposed to the driver's negligent, and/or careless operation of the commercial truck.
- 76. As a direct and proximate result of the negligent, and/or careless conduct of Defendant, Lincare Inc.,, described above, Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions and others ills and injuries including back, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.

- As a direct and proximate result of these injuries, all of which are permanent in nature and all of which are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss, Plaintiff has in the past suffered and is presently suffering great anguish, sickness and agony, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.
- 78. As an additional result of the carelessness, and/or negligence of Defendant, Lincare Inc.,, along with the physical injuries suffered, Plaintiff suffered and is presently suffering emotional injuries, and will continue to so suffer for an indefinite time into the future.
- 79. As a direct result of the carelessness and/or negligence of Defendant, Lincare Inc., Plaintiff suffered damage to his/her personal property, including the motor vehicle he/she was operating at the time of the subject crash, and related expenses including but not limited to storage fees and towing, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- 80. As a further result of Plaintiff's injuries, he/she has in the past suffered, is presently suffering, and may in the future suffer a great loss of earnings and/or earning capacity, all to Plaintiff's further loss and detriment.
- 81. Finally, in addition to all the injuries and losses suffered by Plaintiff, Plaintiff has incurred or will incur medical, rehabilitative and other related expenses in an amount equal to or in excess of the basic personal injury protection benefits required by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa. C.S. Section 1701 *et. seq.*, as amended, for which he makes a claim for payment in the present action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W., prays for judgment in his/her favor and against Defendant, Lincare Inc.,, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars, , plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W. v. Lincare Inc.

**Respondeat Superior** 

Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set 82.

forth at length herein.

83. The negligence, carelessness, and/or malicious conduct on the part of the driver,

detailed in Count I, above, occurred while the driver was acting at all relevant times within the

course and scope of his/her agency and/or employment with Lincare Inc., and was the direct and

proximate cause of the above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting

injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.

84. As such, Defendant Lincare Inc., is vicariously liable under the doctrine of

respondeat superior result for the negligence and/or careless conduct of the driver in causing the

above-described motor vehicle collision and proximately resulting injuries and damages

sustained by Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Tierre Kirkland p.n.g. of M.W., prays for judgment in his/her

favor and against Defendant, Lincare Inc.,, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00)

Dollars, , plus all costs and other relief this court deems just.

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